"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

The new 30-day weather projection is far above average moisture. This prediction may be incorrect and, likewise, our area just may not fit with the greater area. This is to suggest that small garden seeds should be covered lightly with soil, plus a ½ inch layer of vermiculite or sawdust. The seedlings will emerge better than through a hot, crusted soil.

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Many gardeners use peat moss during spring planting -- remember the pH of this material is quite low -- 4.5 or lower. For many situations, the addition of lime is desirable to neutralize the acidity.

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There was a lot of wood burned in fireplaces last winter. A number of calls have come through asking what about using ashes around plants and in the garden.

Wood ash has about 5% potash. I do recall one case where large amounts of ashes were put on a tobacco plant bed and there was severe injury due to potassium salts. When used with reason, wood ashes are useful in supplying potash and reducing acidity. Ashes are about half as effective as ground limestone for this purpose.

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According to the Virginia Crop Reporting Service, soybean yield in Appomattox County last year was 25 bushels per acre. The state average was 28 bushels.

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We've tried to say something from time to time about the 208 program that is coming our way. The implementation of this program will be with Best Management Practices (BMP).

Six public hearings are scheduled across Virginia in mid-May. The closest to us is May 16, Circuit Court Room, Court House, Farmville. The hearing is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

You are encouraged to review the BMP Handbooks at the following offices -- Extension, Soil and Water Conservation, ASCS, Planning District Commission and State Water Control Board, before attending the public hearing.

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Recent deaths of horses have raised questions about the possibilities of damaged or moldy feeds as potential sources of danger. Owners are advised to avoid moldy feed, grain and especially moldy corn.

Affected horses develop muscle tremors and weakness. They stagger, cannot swallow, walk in circles, become depressed and die. Death usually occurs within 48 to 72 hours after first observed.

The major lesion is an extensive bilateral softening and liquification of the brain, primarily the white portion. A diagnosis enables the establishment of control measures. Reports should be referred to the consulting veterinarian and as recommended on to the state veterinarian.

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We will again this year release parasitized cereal leaf beetle larvae on three sites in Appomattox County on May 31.

We need three locations using the following criteria. If you have a situation that meets these criteria, please give me a call (352-8244) and indicate your interest. There is no charge.

1. Small grain field should have 2-20 larvae per square feet or 1-10 larvae per 20 stems.
2. No disturbance of the soil (plow, cultivate or drag) until after the parasites have emerged the following spring. This means the soil should not be disturbed until about mid-June, 1980. Therefore, grain fields seeded to alfalfa or clover would be ideal since, in most cases, the soil will not be disturbed the following year or two (plowing or manure will not effect the parasites).
3. Field that is used this year should have last crop(wheat oats, or barley) seeded next to it the following year (this fall or next spring).
4. No insecticide treatment to be applied the year of release in or adjacent to the release field.

DONALD CARRICO of Evergreen is shown with the one and one quarter pound Blue Gill he caught on Monday afternoon in a private pond.

Donald, a fisherman since 'way back', caught a second Blue Gill, approximately the same size while fishing on Monday.

HURTSVILLE NEWS

A very large crowd attended the regular preaching service on Easter Sunday.

The message was delivered by the pastor, Rev. James Miller. The thought was the meaning of Easter which was enjoyed by all.

The talent program was a success with Mr. Grant Warmack as master of ceremonies.

This coming Saturday night, April 28, at 7 o'clock the Silver Tone Singers of Prospect will sing at the Gravel Hill Baptist Church, the sponsor is Deacon O. T. Wooldridge. The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Woolridge feel happy to say that all of their daughters and their family, from New York, spent the Easter Holidays home with them.

There will be Family Day at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Sunday, April 29, at 6 o'clock. The guest speaker will be Rev. James Miller and the Junior Choir of the Peaks Baptist Church.

The East and West Bound Union will be held with the Springfield Baptist Church, this coming Sunday, April 29 at 10 o'clock.

We are asking all of the Sunday school children of the Mt. Pleasant Church who have a part in the program for Sunday to please contact some of the members of the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Sunday school.

Mr. Dick Baldwin and children of Richmond, spent last week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lucado.

Miss Bess Singleton, of Darlington Heights, is a patient at Southside Community Hospital after a fall in her home and fracturing a hip.

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Mr. and Mrs. Marion Duling, Mrs. Mabel Hart, of Richmond, spent last week end at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dudley and son, Will, of Luray, spent the Easter week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dudley.

Mr. Howard Williams, Sr. returned home from Virginia Baptist Hospital last Thursday.

Miss Emily Anne Williams and Miss Gay Garrell, of Fairfax, spent last week end with Mrs. Richard Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dudley were in Clifton Forge Friday where Mr. Dudley attended the Nautral Resource Management Work Shop.

Ret. Col & Mrs. Vaiden Inge, of Williamsburg, Miss Virginia Inge of Alexandria, Mr. Raymond Inge, Richmond, Mrs. James Dailey, Hopewell and Mr. Claiborne Inge, Appomattox, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Inge last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynford Cumby, Mr. Roy Lucado, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Austin and sons attended the wedding of Miss Lynne Eden and Ralph Lucado, Jr., of Roanoke, last Saturday evening.

BECKHAM

APRIL 23 - E. W. Martin of Amherst, spent last week with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Merrit and Mrs. Geraldine Moore Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C. Martin and boys visited in the home.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary with a dinner at K & W Restaurant in Roanoke Sunday. Present were Mrs. Gertrude Burge, Mrs. Rachel Tweedy, Michelle and Tracey Tweedy, Kevin Moore, Mrs. Judy Jamerson and Shannon.

Mr. and Howlett Drinkard is on the sick list visiting Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard, Donald Lee and Miss Eunice Martin Sunday afternoon were Mrs. Clifton Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mrs. Gertrude Burge and Mr. and Mrs. David Martin. Tony Drinkard spent last week in this home.

Mrs. Bill Stratton, Brett and Jeff visited Mrs. Tom Schmutz, Traci Jennifer and Edward Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Moore and family visited Mr. H. C. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. C. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schmutz and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moore visited Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family for the week end. Michael Henderson spent the week in this home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris attended the funeral of Mr. Clarence Hamilton in Lynchburg Saturday afternoon. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin.

Miss Jeanette Clark spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Moore and Timmy Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Martin, Mrs. Robert Morris and Mrs. S. G. Martin visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard and Donald Lee Monday night.

Miss Eunice Martin is spending the weekwith Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, of Lynchburg.

Zion Baptist Church

You are cordially invited to attend special singing at the Zion Baptist Church Sunday at 6 p.m. Deacon Frank Johnson is the sponsor.

Miss Mary C. Brown is receiving special treatment in a Richmond hospital. A speedy recovery to her.

Deacon and Mrs. Frank Johnson was happy to have their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson, of New York, and some of their grandchildren from Dover this week end.

You are cordially invited to attend regular preaching services at the Zion Baptist Church the first Sunday in May at 11 a.m. The Rev. Hardge of Lynchburg will be the guest speaker.

The Senior Choir attended the choir festival at the Sulphur Spring Church Sunday at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Magnolia Franklin is slowing improving. We are praying for our sick every where.

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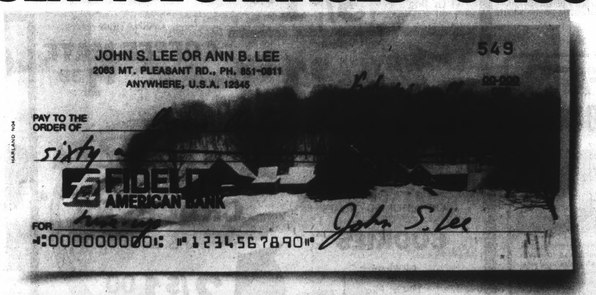

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Rev. Daniel Mensor brought a fine message to the Hollywood people Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Menser and family of Hampton, Va., spent the week end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Menser and family.

Mr. Legrande Webb is a patient in the Virginia Baptist Hospital where he underwent surgery last week. Our sincere prayers are with him and his love ones.

Mrs. Legrande Webb and Joyce spent the week end in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Woodson.

Mrs. W. T. Covington received word last week that her cousin, Mrs. Evie Springer of Buckingham, was a patient in the Chippenham Hospital in Richmond for sincere prayers are with her and her love ones.

Mr. Andy Davis and Robin spent Saturday in Cumberland with her grandmother, Mrs. Virgil Clabo. We are happy to hear Mr. Clabo, who is a patient in the Southside Hospital in Farmville is improving.

We are so glad to hear Mr. Elliott Torrence is feeling better after being sick for a few weeks.

Among the ones on the sick list are Miss Dawn Deaner, Mrs. Hal Bryant, Mrs. Ruth Watson and Mrs. Joe Goin. We pray each one may soon be feeling better. We are so glad Miss Carol Ann Jennings and Miss Joyce Webb are able to be out again.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent the week end with Mrs. Mary Bagby. Mrs. Russell Conner and Mrs. M. L. Covington visited Mrs. Covington last week.

Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Sr. spent several days in Richmond last week with her children and their families. Mrs. James Conner spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. Jessie L. Torrence, Jr. and family. Mrs. J. L. Torrence, Sr. accompanied Mrs. Conner home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Georg Inge, of Chester, Va., visited his sister. Mrs. Virgie Beasley Saturday. mr. Grover Beasley, Jr. visited Mrs. Beasley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Jr. and family, of Alexandria, were visitors Saturday of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson, Sr. Mr. Alfred Almond, Mrs. Bill Watson and Miss Julia Wingfield called in this home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb visited Mr. and Mrs. Watson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge went to see Mr. Inge's brother, Mr. Jett Inge, of Berkley Springs, West Virginia Tuesday. We are so glad they found he had gotten home from the hospital and was some better. Our prayers are with him and his love ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield, of Roanoke, spent a few days last week at their home in Appomattox. They visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williams, of Lynchburg, visited the W. H. Wingfields Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall visited in the homes of Mrs. Mary Bagby and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa Sunday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman last week were Mrs. Lilly Coleman, Mrs. Abbitt Coleman, Mrs. J. L. Torrence and Mrs. Frank Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard attended the 50th Golden Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henson Morris Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Inge's grandchildren, Dana and Scott Inge of Lynchburg, spent several days with them last week.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby last week were Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell, Mrs. Billy Inge, Mrs. Andy Davis and Robin, the W. H. Wingfields and the Thomas Woodalls.

Patricia Palmer Celebrates Birthday

Patricia Palmer celebrated her 11th birthday Sunday with a party at J. Saxon's. Attending were Judy Lynn Page, Sherry Taylor, Connie Goings, Paige Moss, Janice Shumaker, Sherry Taylor, Steve Jamerson, Jackie Moss, Becky Cook, David Moss, Albert Jamerson, Jr., P.W. Gunter, Christy Jamerson, Kathy McDaniel, Garland Gunter, and "Patricia".

East & West Bound S.S. Meets Sunday At 10 a.m.

The East and West Bound Sunday School Union will hold its semi-annual session this fifth Sunday at the Springfield Baptist Church School. The session will begin at 10 a.m. All schools are asked to be on time. The host school will present the welcome and the home pastor will deliver a special sermon and music will be rendered by the church choir. Lunch will be served in the church dining hall. The public is invited to attend.

Impressive service was held at the Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday. The pastor delivered a very helpful sermon and beautiful music was rendered by the choir. Several visitors were present. The church received one member by letter.

The public is reminded of the annual ladies day celebration of the Galilee Baptist Church on the first Sunday in May at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

An overflow crowd of relatives and friends attended the funeral service of the late Walter Ban Ferguson, Jr. Study at 1 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The pastor of the church served as master of ceremony. Remarks and condolences were given by Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr., Rev. J. D. Scruggs and the Reverends Wyatt Venable and Raymond Turner led in the devotions. The eulogy was delivered by Pastor Ellison of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bronx, New York. Special music was rendered by members of the senior choir and friends. Burial was held in the family plot in the church cemetery. West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

An appreciative crowd attended the regular evening service at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church Sunday at 7 p.m. The service was rendered by the Gospel Singers of Nathalie, Va. All who came out enjoyed the program.

To Host Tour Abroad

Mildred Gaines has been chosen by Wilcox World Tours to host a group from this area to Italy, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Germany in June of 1980.

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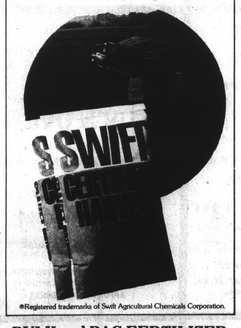

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